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1000 PEAKS LOOKOUT

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR

It has been a good year. That is what I thought the other night while drawing up my annual report to the Chapter Executive Committee. Not a good year because I was chairman, but a good year because of the active and enthusiastic participation of our members. During 1967 we scheduled 98 peaks in 37 outings. Most encouraging, however, was the fact that our active membership grew by 16% and we experienced a 30% increase in new members. If that means that just one person has gained an understanding and appreciation for our local mountains that never existed before, then we as individuals and a section, have gained something very precious and worthwhile. I attribute this success to you, our membership. It does not embarrass me to say that I am proud to have been associated with such a fine and hardworking group of people. I have every reason to believe that the 1968 chairman will come to the same conclusion.

Ordinarily, I would be around the new Central Committee for another year as immediate past chairman. However, I am taking advantage of a rather sudden and unexpected opportunity to move to Bishop. While this may curtail many of my activities in the Angeles Chapter, I am still a peak bagger at heart and do not plan to be out of touch altogether. Who knows, perhaps there are some interesting and worthwhile peaks around Bishop!

ROGER MITCHELL

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

My first effort in this corner brings a sincere thank you for allowing me to serve as this year's chairman. This provides a challenge to equal the accomplishments of the previous year's and incorporate some ideas to improve the HPS, the Sierra Club and the conservation cause.

This course will not be without its difficulties; we have first to find a replacement for last year's chairman, Roger Mitchell, who has been transferred to Bishop, California. Further, since our LOOKOUT editor-publisher has been chosen to lead the Executive Committee of the Chapter, replacements must be found. New leaders are needed; help is also required on the Climbers Guide and the hoped-for HPS Conservation Committee, headed by Les Reid, will need volunteers.

It has often been said that one receives from an organization only what he puts into its efforts and this is very true with regard to the Sierra Club.

The Central Committee urges your assistance; our meetings are open to all interested persons and due to our new offices, we will be able to seat comfortably all who attend.

I solicit your help so that this year may be a productive and rewarding one.

BRUCE COLLIER

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EDITOR NEEDED

A little over two years ago the job of LOOKOUT editor was open.

As stated in the December 1965 issue, I felt one way to really get to know the Section was to publish an issue. That first issue was work, but not as bad as anticipated. So, I decided to try another issue to learn more. And another, and another, and another . . . . . And the more issues passed the easier it got.

Now the issues have added up to something like 14 and the job of newsletter Chairman is open again. The job of editing the LOOKOUT has been a rewarding one. I'm sure the new editor (yet to be named) will find it the same.

This issue has been delayed in hopes that we would have a new editor beginning in 1968. I agreed with Bruce to putting out one more issue - this is it. All I can say is -

WANTED: LOOKOUT EDITOR, male or female, tall or short, young or not so young, slender or not so slender, Must be willing to help fellow club members by filling an important opening. Must be willing to help self by displaying confidence - such as is required for any volunteer job. Contact Bruce Collier (213) 436-9211, Ext. 282, Mon-Fri, 8-5. BOB VAN ALLEN

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WANTED

I would like to buy (or borrow to make copies of) newspaper or magazine articles and books which contain information about the Mt. Lowe area when the inclined railway, Echo Mountain House, Alpine Chalet and other famous landmarks were in operation.

I would also like to obtain negatives or pictures of any of these lost attractions. Anyone with any of these items, please contact Ken Ferrell, 1436 West 130th St., Sp. #9, Gardena, Calif. 90249, Ph: 532-4757 - Work Ph: 657-4611, Ext. 2001.

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HPS SCHEDULE SUMMARY

DATE	DAY	TRIP	LEADERS
MAR 5	TUE	Schedule Meeting	
MAR 9	SAT	Iron Mtn. #3, Roundtop Mtn, Granite Mtn. #1, Rabbit Pk. #1	Les Stockton, Pat Beckman
MAR 14	THU	Social Hour	Sid Davis, "In the Beginning"
MAR 16	SAT	Butterfly Mtn., Rock Point	Ken Ferrell, Bob Van Allen
MAR 17	SUN	Pleasant View Ridge, Will Thrall Pk.	Les Reid, Fred Hoeptner
MAR 23	SAT	Lookout Mtn., Sunset Pk.	Bernie and Lu Petitjean
MAR 24	SUN	Barley Flats, Mt. Lawlor, Strawberry Pk.	Dick and Shirley Akawie
MAR 28	THU	Mtn. Records Comm. Meeting	
MAR 30	SAT	Iron Mtn. #1	How Bailey, John Linden
APR 2	TUE	Business Meeting	
APR 6	SAT	Ortega Hill, Ortega Pk.	Larry Salmon, Les Stockton
APR 7	SUN	McPherson Pk., Peak Mtn.	Les Reid
APR 11	THU	Social Hour	Bruce Collier
APR 20-21	SAT-SUN	Cuyamaca Rancho St. Park	Bruce Collier, Bernie Petitjean
APR 25	THU	Mtn. Records Comm. Meeting	
APR 27	SAT	Mt. Hawkins, Middle Mt. Hawkins, South Mt. Hawkins	Russ Mohn, Jeff Godfrey
MAY 4	SAT	Alamo Mtn., McDonald Pk., Sewart Mtn., Snowy Pk., Black Mtn. #2	Ken Ferrell, Les Stockton
MAY 5	SUN	Small Fry Peak Baggers Special	Dave Tygell, Tom Wade
MAY 7	TUE	Business Meeting	
MAY 9	THU	Social Hour	Bob Van Allen, "Winter Mountaineering"
MAY 11	SAT	Annual Peak Baggers Special	Les and Abbye Stockton
MAY 18-19	SAT-SUN	Bald Eagle Pk., Liebel Pk.	Roger Mitchell, Bruce Collier
MAY 23	THU	Mtn. Records Comm. Meeting	
MAY 25	SAT	Mt. Baden-Powell	Mariam and Ben Romero
JUN 1	SAT	San Jacinto Pk.	Bob Schull, Gene Andreosky
JUN 4	TUE	Business Meeting	
JUN 8	SAT	Crafts Pk., Grays Pk.	How Bailey, Sue Gleason
JUN 13	THU	Social Hour	Angeles National Forest Rep.
JUN 22	SAT	Bighorn Pk., Ontario Pk., Sugarloaf Pk.	Dick and Carol Akawie
JUN 27	THU	Mtn. Records Comm. Meeting	

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ANNUAL BANQUET

Those of you who missed the 1968 HPS banquet on January 6 missed what most participants considered one of the best Section banquets (of this or any other Section) in years.

The dinner was excellent. Not only was the food tops, but the service was more than one would expect to find at such an affair. Sir Michaels' (Washington at the Santa Ana Freeway) is to be congratulated. Everyone is anticipating a return to the plush atmosphere of this fine facility.

The program personally narrated by John Goddard "Andes to Amazon" was as promised - a memorable occasion. All of the places and things noted in November 1967 LOOKOUT as being included in the program were included. Many of us have been to banquets where it was difficult to stay awake half-way through the program. No such trouble here. In fact, most were sorry when the program was over. John's subjects and narration leave you wanting more - but then isn't that a mark of every really good program you have ever seen.

We wish to express our thanks to the following donors for contributions of prizes. We urge your patronage of these supporters of the HPS: Dawsons Books - Los Angeles, The "Famous" Department Store - Los Angeles, Highland Outfitters - Riverside, Kelty Pack - Glendale, La Siesta Press - Glendale, Recreational Equipment Co. - Seattle, The Ski Hut - Berkeley, West Ridge Mountaineering - Los Angeles.

As usual, many people contributed to the success of this affair but special thanks go to Connie Mitchell, Roger Mitchell, Rosalie Jackman and, of course, Banquet Chairman Bruce Collier.

BOB VAN ALLEN

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BOOK REVIEW

"Backpack Technique" by Ruth Mendenhall, published by La Siesta Press is a manual - not a book - which can give some mighty helpful hints to the experienced backpacker as well as the novice.

The table of contents together with the noted author and publisher tell you - here is something worth reading: What is Backpacking?; Who Goes Backpacking?; Where To Go; Getting Ready; Choosing Equipment; Equipment Lists; Food & Cooking Gear; On The Trail; Trail Etiquette & Safety; In Camp; Sun, Air & Altitude; Care & Storage of Gear; Things To Make; and Human Relationships.

This manual is well written. It gets to the point and doesn't ramble on. I shall do the same. Buy it at your favorite mountaineering store - or write to La Siesta Press, Box 406, Glendale, Calif. 91209 and tell Walt Wheelock "The LOOKOUT sent me."

BOB VAN ALLEN

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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The 1968 I & E Conference "Intrepid Crusaders -- Conservationists at Work" will be held March 30-31, 1968 in Mountain View, California. The Conference will concentrate on all facets of conservation leadership. Emphasis will be placed on what resources are available and how to most effectively utilize such resources in developing a conservation project. Direct inquiries to Howard Dienger, 1020 Amarillo St., Palo Alto, Calif. 94303.

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PINYON, NICHOLS, ONYX PKS. NOV 11-12, 1967 Joint HPS - Y's Hikers

Walker Pass was the meeting place for 25 Antelope Valley Y's Hikers, HPSers and guests. A short 4 mile caravan took us to the trailhead for Pinyon Peak.

This peak, and Onyx Peak, were being explored for possible additions to the HPS qualifying list. Pinyon Peak lived up to its name as many pinyon nuts were gathered during the hike. Barbara Lilley must have gotten 5 pounds of them.

Saturday night we were joined by more HPSers at our camp at Robbers Roost.

By 7:30 a.m. our number had swollen to 40 persons as we started the 32 mile caravan to Nichols Peak trailhead. All hands who started this 2½ mile, 2400 foot gain hike signed in at the register. Much discussion centered around the location of the register. It is at the survey marker on the western most of the two peaks. The peak 300 feet easterly appears to be several feet higher.

Onyx trailhead was reached by a 4 mile caravan to the south of the peak. Sixteen of the more determined hikers signed in after an hour and fifteen minutes scamper to the top. There is about 1000 feet of scree slope that makes for a fast descent of this peak.

WALLY HENRY

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HINES PEAK NOV 19, 1967 Leader: W. VON PERTZ
Asst.: BOB HAWTHORNE

It would seem that von Pertz has Hines Peak like L.A. has the smog! At least, that's just how the leader felt early Sunday morning, after a last minute exploratory down into the Sespe Canyon. The weather had once again taken the initiative by washing out the only road to the trailhead. This was a repeat of the condition experienced on our previous attempt made earlier this year.

To the 38 eager would-be-participants assembled in the cold, wet, grey Sunday dawn, the announcement of trip cancellation was a disappointment. However, undaunted, they expressed interest in pursuing the leader's suggested alternate climbs.

The first alternate attempted (Ortega Peak and Ortega Hill) offered a discouraging locked gate at the entrance to the access road leading up Cherry Canyon from Hwy. 33.

This suggested that the second alternate (Reyes Peak) would be a better choice. The party proceeded further north on Hwy. 33 to the start of the 8 mile access road at Pine Summit. Bob Hawthorne explored road conditions in his 4-wheel drive wagon only to discover the road impassable.

The third attempt was just too much, and the total trip was cancelled.

W. VON PERTZ

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IN MEMORIAM

Joe Darrow, a friend to all who ever climbed with him and an emblem holder in the HPS, died of natural causes while climbing Picacho Del Diablo in Baja California on Thanksgiving weekend last.

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SAN JACINTO PK, ET AL AUG 5-6, 1967 NON-SKED

Ed Stork and I left Humber Park near Idyllwild at about 7:45 p.m. and hiked up the Devil's Slide - San Jacinto Peak Trail to about 8900' where we found a nice area for bedding down. We proceeded a short distance the next morning to the Strawberry Cienega trail junction and hid our gear. In attempting to climb Marion Mtn. while avoiding both brush and a perhaps troublesome ridge, we arrived on the peak to the NE of Marion but finally made it to Marion itself. We then went over to Jean and contoured around San Jacinto to Folly Peak where we had lunch. The views were very poor as it was quite hazy.

After lunch, we crossed over San Jacinto Peak on down to Miller Peak (how about that!) and then dropped down to Tamarack Valley from which we climbed Cornell with its somewhat tricky stretches at the top. Longing for refreshments at the tram but settling for the cool waters near Round Meadow (absolutely plush in its greenry), we returned to the trail junction earlier mentioned and picked up our gear. Here too, we met Sam Fink, who had also climbed Cornell earlier, and we all hiked out together getting to the cars about 6:30 p.m.

Hiking a couple of hours in the evening can do quite a bit for a trip like this and persons leading trips in the future might consider this device where there are several miles of good trail. Last year, I hiked to Dollar Lake on a Friday evening after work and it made quite feasible a trip which otherwise would have been a drag at best. That trip consisted of the aforementioned evening hike and doing Shields, Anderson, San Bernardino East, San Bernardino, and Charlton on Saturday (camped at Dry Lake View camp) and Dobbs, Jepson, San Gorgonio, Lake, and Grinnell and out via Dry Lake on Sunday.

On a one-evening and one-day trip, often a summit bag with sleeping bag slung below will be ample for necessary equipment and supplies. ART DE GOEDE

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APACHE, SPITLER AND PALM VIEW PEAKS DEC 9, 1967 Leader: BOB HERLIHY Asst.: KEN FERRELL

This climb did not go as planned. We were refused permission to cross private land for the most direct route. The local early morning restaurant on which some depended went out of business the week before the climb, leading to the tardiness of one of the leaders and others. In the absence of one leader, Ken Ferrell enlisted the capable assistance of Les Stockton to start the group up the trail to the crest of the ridge, south of Palm View. The wind was strong and very cold. We regrouped at the Desert Divide Trail junction and proceeded to the summit of Palm View (7140+) with over 40 people signing in there about 9:30. Twelve people left the group at this point, some going to Pyramid Peak, some to Cone Peak, and some directly back to the cars. The temperature was in the 20's most of the day.

The main group, reduced by this split to 29 people, proceeded toward Spitler. Three of these, who wisely decided to conserve their energy, did not finish the climb up Spitler, but lunched and waited near the saddle between Palm View and Spitler. Twenty-six reached the summit of Spitler (7360') about noon and had lunch there. The cold wind was blowing hard. Ten people under the leadership of Dr. Bob Funke and John Backus started the return to the cars via the same route we had taken up.

Sixteen people, in a close, fast moving group, went on to Apache (7567') arriving at the summit a little before 2:00 p.m. It was too cold and too late to stay on Apache long. The sixteen started the long trek of 7 or 8 miles back to the cars,

mindful of the fact that the sun sets early. Some of the canteens were freezing up. On Palm View we caught up with the group that had started the return from Spitler, and made the return to the cars in a group of 29, arriving there about 5:30, shortly after dark.

Ken Ferrell did an excellent job leading the whole trip, and the assistance of others, called upon to take responsibility for splinter groups, is greatly appreciated. The writer, who brought up the rear, offers humble apologies for his late arrival and promises to put in an order for less severe weather next time.

BOB HERLIHY

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OLD MAN MTN. - MONTE ARIDO DEC 16-17, 1967 Leader: W. VON PERTZ

Three eager members of the HPS comprised the total group that climbed high on the ridge above Murrieta Saddle to establish a base camp. The night was windy and cold, but beautiful and clear, with a full moon that just wouldn't quit.

Breakfast was early, amid the splendor of a glorious sunrise, and the party was well on its way toward Monte Arido by 7:20 a.m. The route was varied with a mixture of trail and road, with recent bear tracks thrown in for added interest.

Everyone attained both summits, where they enjoyed the unusually clear visibility, which afforded a panorama large enough to include the whole HPS Peak List.

As a Sierra Club contribution to the Los Padres National Forest - Trail Maintenance, the leader conducted a trail clearing exercise on a badly overgrown section connecting the road and trail saddles on Old Man Mtn.

The party's hurried return to base camp was delayed momentarily to enjoy the spectacular sunset, which afforded a backlite view of San Miguel Island. After a brief pause at base camp, to enjoy a cup of coffee while packing up, the group started the longhhike out to the cars, arriving at 7:30 p.m.; thus ending a wonderful trip.

W. VON PERTZ

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ROCK CLIMB-CAR CAMP-PEAK BAG JAN 13-14, 1968 Leader: BOB VAN ALLEN
Assts.: GEORGE DAVIS
KEN FERRELL
JIM VAN ALLEN

Early Saturday morning it looked like the HPS was going to create a traffic jam in Palm Springs. After a short car shuttle, the roadhead looked like a good sized used car lot. I thought that this would be a trip which would draw a fair sized group so 3 assistants were planned instead of the usual one. It turned out that there were 56 participants for the rock climbing session at Tahquitz Canyon.

Specific areas had been designated for various kinds of climbing practice and the groups rotated. Shortly after lunch we left Tahquitz Canyon and moved to our camp at Sheep Pass in Joshua Tree National Monument. After setting up camp we spent the balance of the afternoon in route finding and rappel practice.

It had been a long day with lots of exercise so supper was a welcome break. And - that is what it proved to be - a break - because after supper we had 35 people make a most enjoyable hike to the summit of Ryan Mtn. The full moon that had been

ordered appeared on time and was in just the right place to benefit the hikers. The summit was windy but the views were terrific. Some (most) climbed in their sleeping bags soon after returning from Ryan (between 8-9 p.m.). As usual, there was a hard core of experience relaters that kept a campfire going for some time; they proved the old adage 'the first liar hasn't got a chance'.

Sunday a.m., before dawn, an eager group (including some of the hard core noted above) made a moonlight ascent (additional 3rd class practice) to the top of a nearby pinnacle to view the sunrise. The group returned to camp just as breakfast was ready. About 8:30 we piled into all the VW's, 4 w.d's and a Dodge van and headed for Queen Mtn. Of the 39 starters, 37 made the summit. Again we were able to add to the 3rd class experience aspects by choosing an appropriate route up the summit block. We had planned to eat lunch after returning to the cars. However, most people ate their lunch on the summit (about 11 a.m.) - obviously planning to eat again back at the cars. After returning to the cars it took us only a few minutes to return to camp and even a shorter time to get ready to go to Quail Mtn. On Quail, the hikers had dropped to a total of 24 - and all 24 made the summit.

A quick descent was made to the cars and all was haste to break camp so we could get to Eureka for sunset.

Eureka, by any standard, is a long drive and a short climb. To make it more worthwhile, I prefer to do it about sunset. I think the 23 who made the trip may agree.

It was a long weekend filled with lots of activity. A number of people got their introduction to 3rd class rock, some got an introduction to hiking, some to the HPS way of life - but to many it was a great opportunity to spend another weekend in one of our favorite HPS areas.

BOB VAN ALLEN

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NEW CLIMBERS GUIDE LIST

Completed write-ups available are:

Mt. Harvard	Granite Mtn. #2	Send $.05 for each write-up and a large self-addressed envelope to W. E. von Pertz, 2027 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254
Hines Pk.	Sheephead Mtn.	
Butler Pk.	Suicide Pk.	
Three Sisters Pks.	Rock Point	
Kitching Pk.	Chief Pk.	
Martinez Mtn.	Old Man Mtn.	
Monte Arido		

The following write-ups will be available soon:

Garnet Pk.	Monument Pk.
Garnet Mtn.	Mt. Gleason
Oakzanita Pk.	Iron #2
Stonewall Pk.	Fox Mtn.
Cuyamaca Pk.	Condor Pk.
Middle Pk.	McKinley Mtn.
Mt. Wilson	San Rafael Mtn.
Smith Mtn.	Santa Cruz Pk.

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"The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything."

A word from -
Edward J. Phelps

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MAY 4-5 BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS

Many HPSers have expressed a desire to see and understand more about how the Sierra Club operates. Now you will have such an opportunity.

The Board Organizational Meeting, the Council Meeting and the Sierra Club Annual Banquet will all be held in Santa Monica on the May 4-5 weekend. (Don't confuse this with the Chapter Annual Banquet which will behheld in October).

The Angeles Chapter is honored to be hosting these events (the featured speaker at the banquet will be Senator Tom Kuchel) and many chapter members are already at work to ensure the success of the entire weekend.

Please see page 77 of your March - June Schedule. More information will be included in the Southern Sierran and the next issue of the LOOKOUT. But let me remind you - Banquet reservations are limited so get yours in now.

BOB VAN ALLEN

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FROM THE PAST

From the front page of "The Times" Monday, May 2, 1898 -

> "Mount Lowe Railway - 50¢ for picnic and excursion parties of 20 or more, to Rubio Canyon and Pavilion, at base of Great Cable Incline. The canyon is abundantly provided with tables, seats, swings, plenty of pure mountain water, and everything that is necessary to make it the most complete place for pleasure and enjoyment. For detail of arrangement, office 214 S. Spring St. Tel M. 960"

From the front page of "The Times" Sunday, May 22, 1927 -

> "REMEMBER THIS - 'On the road to success the secret of getting there is to keep out of the ruts'."

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